

Sour Gum Family (*Nyssaceae*)

- *Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*

Ginseng Family (*Araliaceae*)

- *Devil's Walking Stick *Aralia spinosa*
- *Dwarf Ginseng *Panax trifolius*

Carrot Family (*Umbelliferae*)

- *Black Snakeroot *Sanicula canadensis*
- *Hairy Sweet Cicely *Osmorhiza claytoni*
- *Smooth Sweet Cicely *Osmorhiza longistylis*
- *Golden Alexanders *Zizia aurea*

Dogwood Family (*Cornaceae*)

- *Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida*
- *Alternate-leaved Dogwood *Cornus alternifolia*
- *Silky Dogwood *Cornus obliqua*

Wintergreen Family (*Pyrolaceae*)

- *Spotted Wintergreen *Chimaphila maculata*
- *Indian Pipe *Monotropa uniflora*

Heath Family (*Ericaceae*)

- *Great Rhododendron *Rhododendron maximum*
- *Catawba Rhododendron *Rhododendron catawbiense*
- *Flame Azalea *Rhododendron calendulaceum*
- *Pinxter Flower *Rhododendron nudiflorum*
- *Smooth Azalea *Rhododendron arborescens*
- *Mountain Laurel *Kalmia latifolia*
- *Sourwood *Oxydendrum arboreum*
- *Trailing Arbutus *Epigaea repens*
- *Teaberry *Gaultheria procumbens*
- *Black Huckleberry *Gaylussacia baccata*
- *Deerberry *Vaccinium stamineum*
- *Lowbush Blueberry *Vaccinium angustifolium*
- *Velvetleaf Blueberry *Vaccinium myrtilloides*

Diapensia Family (*Diapensiaceae*)

- *Galax *Galax aphylla*

Primrose Family (*Primulaceae*)

- *Shooting Star *Dodecatheon meadia*
- *Fringed Loosestrife *Lysimachia ciliata*

Ebony Family (*Ebenaceae*)

- *Persimmon *Diospyros virginiana*

Storax Family (*Styracaceae*)

- *Silverbells *Halesia carolina*

Dogbane Family (*Apocynaceae*)

- Periwinkle/Myrtle *Vinca minor*
- *Indian Hemp *Apocynum cannabinum*

Milkweed Family (*Asclepiadaceae*)

- *Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa*
- *Common Milkweed *Asclepias syriaca*

Polemonium Family (*Polemoniaceae*)

- *Greek Valerian *Polemonium reptans*
- *Moss Phlox *Phlox subulata*
- *Wild Blue Phlox *Phlox divaricata*
- *Wild Sweet William *Phlox maculata*

Waterleaf Family (*Hydrophyllaceae*)

- *Appendaged Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum appendiculatum*
- *Small-flowered Phacelia *Phacelia dubia*

Borage Family (*Boraginaceae*)

- *Smaller Forget-me-not *Myosotis laxa*
- *Virginia Bluebells *Mertensia virginica*

Mint Family (*Labiatae*)

- *Hairy Skullcap *Scutellaria elliptica*
- *Downy Skullcap *Scutellaria incana*
- Ground Ivy *Glechoma hederacea*
- *Heal-all *Prunella vulgaris*
- Henbit *Lamium amplexicaule*
- Purple Dead-nettle *Lamium purpureum*
- *Lyre-leaved Sage *Salvia lyrata*
- *Basil Balm *Monarda clinopodia*
- *Downy Woodmint *Blephilia ciliata*
- *Hairy Woodmint *Blephilia hirsuta*
- *Hoary Mountain-mint *Pycnanthemum incanum*

Figwort Family (*Scrophulariaceae*)

- *Foxglove Beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis*
- Princess-tree/Paulownia *Paulownia tomentosa*
- *Culver's-root *Veronicastrum virginicum*
- Common Speedwell *Veronica officinalis*
- *Winged Monkey-flower *Mimulus alatus*
- *Common Lousewort/Wood Betony *Pedicularis canadensis*

- *Smooth Yellow Foxglove *Aureolaria flava*

Madder Family (*Rubiaceae*)

- *Common Bedstraw *Galium aparine*
- *Buttonbush *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- *Partridge Berry *Mitchella repens*
- *Bluets *Houstonia caerulea*

Honeysuckle Family (*Caprifoliaceae*)

- Tartarian Honeysuckle *Lonicera taterica*
- Japanese Honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*
- *Hobblebush *Viburnum alnifolium*
- *Black Haw *Viburnum prunifolium*
- *Black Elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*
- *Red Elderberry *Sambucus pubens*

Composite Family (*Compositae*)

- *Robin's Plantain *Erigeron pulchellus*
- *Daisy Fleabane *Erigeron strigosus*
- *Field Pussytoes *Antennaria neglecta*
- Ox-eye Daisy *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*
- Coltsfoot *Tussilago farfara*
- Common Dandelion *Taraxacum officinale*

Species Spotlight:

American Ginseng

Known for its medicinal properties the world over, American ginseng was harvested to the edge of extinction. Now protected, it is illegal to harvest or possess this plant in national parks. Visit www.nps.gov/neri to learn more about the work being done to help this important Appalachian species.



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New River Gorge National River

Spring and Early Summer Wildflower Checklist



Bloodroot

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New River Gorge is home to a great diversity of plants, with over 1,800 flora species found in this area. This checklist does not include all local species, but highlights many herbaceous and woody plants that bloom in the spring and early summer. Enjoy these natural wonders of central Appalachia and leave nature as you find it.

* = species native to West Virginia

Sedge Family (Cyperaceae)

- *Fraser’s Sedge *Carex fraseri*

Arum Family (Araceae)

- *Jack-in-the-pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum*

Spiderwort Family (Commelinaceae)

- *Ohio Spiderwort *Tradescantia ohiensis*

Lily Family (Liliaceae)

- *Devil’s Bit *Chamaelirium luteum*
- *Mealy Bellwort *Uvularia perfoliata*
- *Large-flowered Bellwort *Uvularia grandiflora*
- *Sessile-leaved Bellwort *Uvularia sessilifolia*
- *Mountain Bellwort *Uvularia pudica*
- *Yellow Trout Lily *Erythronium americanum*
- *False Solomon’s Seal *Smilacina racemosa*
- *Wild Lily-of-the-valley

Maianthemum canadense

- *Fairy Bells *Disporum lanuginosum*
- *Twisted Stalk *Streptopus roseus*
- *Indian Cucumber Root *Medeola virginiana*
- *Solomon’s Seal *Polygonatum biflorum*
- *Great Solomon’s Seal

Polygonatum canaliculatum

- *Sessile Trillium *Trillium sessile*
- *Nodding Trillium *Trillium cernuum*
- *Ill-scented Trillium *Trillium erectum*
- *Large-flowered Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*
- *Painted Trillium *Trillium undulatum*
- *Common Greenbrier *Smilax rotundifolia*

Iris Family (Iridaceae)

- *Crested Iris *Iris cristata*

Orchis Family (Orchidaceae)

- *Pink Lady’s Slipper *Cypripedium acaule*
- *Large Yellow Lady’s Slipper *Cypripedium pubescens*
- *Showy Orchis *Orchis spectabilis*
- *Puttyroot/Adam-and-Eve *Aplectrum hyemale*
- *Large Twayblade *Liparis lilifolia*

Lizard’s Tail Family (Saururaceae)

- *Lizard’s Tail *Saururus cernuus*

Birthwort Family (Aristolochiaceae)

- *Wild Ginger *Asarum canadense*
- *Dutchman’s Pipe *Aristolochia macrophylla*

Purslane Family (Portulacaceae)

- *Carolina Spring Beauty *Claytonia caroliniana*
- *Spring Beauty *Claytonia virginica*

Pink Family (Caryophyllaceae)

- *Great Chickweed *Stellaria pubera*
- *Wild Pink *Silene caroliniana*
- *Fire Pink *Silene virginica*

Buttercup Family (Ranunculaceae)

- *Hooked Crowfoot *Ranunculus recurvatus*
- *Early Meadowrue *Thalictrum dioicum*
- *Rue Anemone *Anemonella thalictroides*
- *Sharp-lobed Hepatica

Hepatica nobilis var. *acuta*

- *Round-lobed Hepatica *Hepatica nobilis* var. *obtusata*

- *Thimbleweed *Anemone virginiana*
- *Wood Anemone *Anemone quinquefolia*
- *Wild Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*
- *Dwarf Larkspur *Delphinium tricorne*
- *Black Snakeroot *Cimicifuga racemosa*
- *White Baneberry *Actaea pachypoda*
- *Goldenseal *Hydrastis canadensis*

Barberry Family (Berberidaceae)

- *May-apple *Podophyllum peltatum*
- *Twinleaf *Jeffersonia dipylla*
- *Blue Cohosh *Caulophyllum thalictroides*
- *American Barberry *Berberis canadensis*

Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

- *Cucumber Magnolia *Magnolia acuminata*
- *Umbrella Magnolia *Magnolia tripetala*
- *Fraser/Mountain Magnolia *Magnolia fraseri*
- *Tulip Poplar *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Custard Apple Family (Annonaceae)

- *Pawpaw *Asimina triloba*

Laurel Family (Lauraceae)

- *Spicebush *Lindera benzoin*
- *White Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*

Poppy Family (Papaveraceae)

- *Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis*

Fumitory Family (Fumariaceae)

- *Squirrel Corn *Dicentra canadensis*
- *Dutchman’s Breeches *Dicentra cucullaria*
- *Yellow Corydalis *Corydalis flavula*

Mustard Family (Cruciferae)

- *Wild Peppergrass *Lepidium virginicum*
- Garlic Mustard *Alliaria officinalis*
- Dame’s Rocket *Hesperis matronalis*
- Winter Cress *Barbarea vulgaris*
- Spring Cress *Barbarea verna*
- *Slender Toothwort *Dentaria heterophylla*
- *Cutleaf Toothwort *Dentaria laciniata*
- *Purple Cress *Cardamine douglassii*
- *Pennsylvania Bittercress *Cardamine pennsylvanica*

- *Hairy Rockcress *Arabis hirsuta*
- *Smooth Rockcress *Arabis laevigata*
- *Sicklepod *Arabis canadensis*

Orpine Family (Crassulaceae)

- Mossy Stonecrop *Sedum acre*
- *Wild Stonecrop *Sedum ternatum*

Saxifrage Family (Saxifragaceae)

- *Early Saxifrage *Saxifraga virginiensis*
- *Foamflower *Tiarella cordifolia*
- *Alumroot *Heuchera americana*
- *Miterwort/Bishop’s Cap *Mitella diphylla*
- *Golden Saxifrage *Chrysothamnium americanum*
- *Wild Hydrangea *Hydrangea arborescens*
- *Prickly Gooseberry *Ribes cynosbati*

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

- *Goatsbeard *Aruncus dioicus*
- *Black Chokeberry *Aronia melanocarpa*
- *Wild Crab Apple *Malus coronaria*
- *Common Serviceberry *Amelanchier arborea*
- Woodland Strawberry *Fragaria vesca*
- Indian Strawberry *Duchesnea indica*
- *Common Cinquefoil *Potentilla simplex*
- *White Avens *Geum canadense*
- *Common Blackberry *Rubus allegheniensis*
- *Red Raspberry *Rubus idaeus*
- *Wild Black Cherry *Prunus serotina*

Purse Family (Leguminosae)

- *Honey Locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*
- *Redbud *Cercis canadensis*
- *False Blue Indigo *Baptisia australis*
- Red Clover *Trifolium pratense*
- *Black Locust *Robinia pseudo-acacia*
- Wisteria *Wisteria frutescens*

Wood Sorrel Family (Oxalidaceae)

- *Violet Wood Sorrel *Oxalis violacea*
- *Great Yellow Wood Sorrel *Oxalis grandis*

Geranium Family (Genaniaceae)

- *Wild Geranium *Geranium maculatum*

Cashew Family (Anacardiaceae)

- *Poison Ivy *Toxicodendron radicans*

Holly Family (Aquifoliaceae)

- *American Holly *Ilex opaca*
- *Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*

Maple Family (Aceraceae)

- *Mountain Maple *Acer spicatum*
- *Striped Maple *Acer pensylvanicum*
- *Black Sugar Maple *Acer nigrum*
- *Red Maple *Acer rubrum*

Horse-chestnut Family (Hippocastanaceae)

- *Yellow Buckeye *Aeculus octandra*

Vine Family (Vitaceae)

- *Virginia Creeper *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- *Summer Grape *Vitis aestivalis*

Violet Family (Violaceae)

- *Marsh Blue Violet *Viola cucullata*
- *Le Conte’s Violet *Viola affinis*
- *Sweet White Violet *Viola blanda*
- *Northern White Violet *Viola pallens*
- *Halberd-leaf Yellow Violet *Viola hastata*
- *Downy Yellow Violet *Viola pubescens*
- *Smooth Yellow Violet *Viola pennsylvanica*
- *Canada Violet *Viola canadensis*
- *American Dog Violet *Viola conspersa*
- *Long-spurred Violet *Viola rostrata*
- Wild Pansy *Viola rafinesquii*